



The following guidance is provided by the Maryland Cannabis Administration (MCA) to assist existing medical cannabis licensees that convert to medical and adult use licensees comply with new State laws and regulations governing cannabis licensees that take effect July 1, 2023. This document is not legal advice. It is meant to highlight operational changes for **licensed processors**. Please consult an attorney if you have any questions regarding the legal requirements that apply.

Licensing & Registration Fees, and Issuance of a New License Number

License fees are reduced and payable every 5 years, as opposed to annually. The renewal fees may be paid in annual installments.

- Previous Annual Fee of \$40,000 → Reduced to \$25,000 over 5 years
 - \$35,000 annual reduction in licensing fees.

Converted licensed growers will receive a new MCA-issued license number, valid for 5 years upon conversion.

Products

Liquid Edibles

A new product authorized under these regulations for adult-use consumers are liquid edible products. For the purposes of producing a liquid edible product, one single container is a single serving of product, and it may not contain more than 10 milligrams (mg) of tetrahydrocannabinol (THC). Liquid edibles must also comply with the requirements for other edible products in terms of production, packaging, and labeling. This includes limiting the manufacture of these products to facilities with a valid edibles permit.

Product Reservations

The following products may only be sold to qualifying patients and registered caregivers:

- Concentrated cannabis products
- Edible cannabis products, infused non-edible cannabis products, capsules, and tinctures containing more than 10 mg THC per serving or 100 mg THC per package

Adult use consumers may purchase:

- Cannabis vaporizing devices (e.g., vapes)
- Home cultivation products
- Usable cannabis products (e.g., flower)
- Edible cannabis products, infused non-edible cannabis products, capsules, and tinctures containing up to 10 mg THC per serving or 100 mg of THC per package

Hemp

Hemp-derived products containing more than 0.5 mg THC per serving or 2.5 mg THC per package may only be sold by licensed dispensaries if they have been manufactured, processed, and tested in accordance with MCA regulations. (Note: THC includes any THC isomers or derivatives, including delta-8 and delta-10). These products may only be displayed or offered for sale in the restricted area of a dispensary. Licensed processors may obtain hemp and hemp-derived products from registered hemp growers.

Prior Regulations still in effect and unchanged

- Security of the premises under COMAR 10.62.21.03 – 10.62.21.07;
- Processor operations under COMAR 10.62.22;
- Product processing under COMAR 10.62.32;
- Additional edible product processing requirements under COMAR 10.62.37.03 – 10.62.37.10, including the permitting process for edible manufacturing.

Questions?

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